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1. (Amended) A method of decreasing mortality caused by congestive heart failure in a patient in need thereof which comprises administering a therapeutically acceptable amount of carvedilol in conjunction with one or more other therapeutic agents, said agents being selected from the group consisting of an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACE), a diuretic, and digoxin,

wherein the administering comprises administering to said patient daily maintenance dosages for a maintenance period to decrease a risk of mortality caused by congestive heart failure, and said maintenance period is greater than six months.

CLAIMS 2-7 (ORIGINAL)

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2. A method according to claim 1 which comprises administering carvedilol in a dosage range of from about 3.125 to about 50 mg given twice daily.

3. A method according to claim 1 which comprises administering carvedilol in a maintenance dose of about 25 mg given twice daily.

4. A method according to claim 1 which comprises administering carvedilol in a maintenance dose of between about 25 mg and about 50 mg given twice daily to patients whose weight exceeds about 85 kg.

5. A method according to claim 1 which comprises administering carvedilol in a maintenance dose of about 50 mg given twice daily in patients whose weight exceed about 85 kg.

6. A method according to claim 1 wherein said ACE inhibitor is captopril, lisinopril, or enalapril, or any pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. A method according to claim 1 wherein said diuretic is hydrochlorothiazide or furosemide, or any pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the daily maintenance dosages and the maintenance period have been shown to statistically decrease the risk of mortality caused by congestive heart failure.

9. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein said patient has class II-IV congestive heart failure.